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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 9. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analyses

1. At its 30th meeting, on 19 October 1993, the Committee considered section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. Some delegations indicated that the proposed programme of work duplicated some of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions, in particular the activities relating to economic and social information in the areas of population and statistics, and suggested that more attention should be given to improving coordination between the Department and the institutions concerned. One delegation expressed the view that the Department's proposed programme of work could help to define the parameters by which the organizations of the United Nations system dealing with social, economic and environmental matters could assess the interplay between their respective activities. Another delegation indicated that the proposed programme of work of the Department contained some activities which had not been programmed in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and did not

currently have legislative mandates. In particular, that delegation pointed out that subprogramme 5 was not in the medium-term plan and expressed concern at the fact that that subprogramme had been initiated without a legislative mandate.

3. Several delegations expressed their concern at the proposed increase in the level of resources for a programme of work which was not among the five priority areas of a broad sectoral nature decided by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session. Some delegations indicated that the distribution of the resources among subprogrammes did not take into account the priority designation at subprogramme level as mandated by the General Assembly.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.